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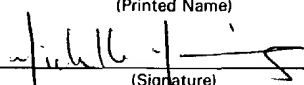
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EMBRYO CULTURE MEDIA
SUPPLEMENT AND METHOD
OF USING SAME

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Sir:

This is a reply to a Non-Final Office Action mailed July 1, 2003, in relation to the above-referenced patent application. The three-month shortened statutory period for response to the Office Action is set to expire October 1, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required for this filing or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. For the purpose of charging or crediting said deposit account, duplicates of pages 1 and 2 and the signature page of this response are submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Specification being on page 3 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this document.

Please cancel claims 10 and 26-29 without prejudice to Applicants' rights to prosecute these claims in a timely-filed continuation application. Please amend the application as follows: